

Sheds and Other Accessory Structures

Frequently Asked Questions:

Do I need a permit?

Yes, a building permit is required for all accessory structures of any size.

Do I need a foundation under my shed or accessory structure?

Yes

- If fewer than 200 square feet, a 4" concrete slab is required.
- If greater than or equal to 200 square feet, the foundation must extend a minimum of 32" below finish grade.

Can my Shed or Accessory Structure be placed anywhere on my property?

No, there are lot line setback regulations:

- Maximum Height – **15 ft**
- Minimum distance from **principle building or other structure- 10 ft**
- Minimum distance from **inner lot lines- 5 ft (8 ft in R1 Zone)**
- Sheds and other accessory structures are prohibited in front yards and anywhere along a street lot line (street frontages).

What is the next step?

Complete and submit the appropriate permit application, if needed, with the site plan. They can be obtained at City Hall or online.

PLEASE NOTE: These guidelines are not a comprehensive presentation of all the ordinances involved in placing, erecting, or constructing a shed or any other accessory structure.

If you have questions or concerns please contact the Granite City Building and Zoning Department at (618) 452-6218.